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1. WASHINGTON POST STORY DATED OCTOBER 22 (PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OCTOBER 23) SAYS NIGERIA SUPPLIED 17.5 PERCENT TOTAL US CRUDE OIL IMPORTS FOR EIGHT MONTHS JANUARY-AUGUST ACCORDING FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION STATISTICS. WHEREAS FEA STATISTICS CITED REFTEL SHOW NIGERIA AS SUPPLYING HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN IMPORTS FROM NIGERIA IN AUGUST. ASSUMING TOTAL CRUDE IMPORTS IN AUGUST SAME AS JANUARY-JULY AVERAGE, IMPORTS FROM NIGERIA WOULD HAVE TO BE 1,092,000 BARRELS PER DAY, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO 47 PERCENT OF TOTAL NIGERIAN PRODUCTION.)

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2. AS STATED REFTEL, FIGURES OF THIS KIND ARE OF CONSIDERABLE

INTEREST HERE. WHERE THE IHT STORY WILL BE WIDELY READ IN NIGERIA
AND EMBASSY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CALLED UP ON
TO CONFIRM CONCLUSIONS SUCH AS GIVEN ABOVE, EMBASSY REQUIRES
ACTUAL FEA STATISTICS FOR TOTAL US CRUDE IMPORTS AND IMPORTS
FROM NIGERIA ON REGULAR AND PROMPT BASIS.

3. FYI, WASHINGTON POST STORY UNFORTUNATELY CONCLUDED THAT
"FIGURES SUPPORT THE ASSERTION THAT "ARAB NATIONS ARE GETTING
DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF BLAME FOR AMERICA'S OIL TROUBLES,"
I.E. THAT CANADA AND NIGERIA ARE EVEN MORE TO BLAME BECAUSE
THEY EXPORT MORE TO U.S.
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